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Artz Centre celebrates two years of success

Call handling company's charity connection

Andy MacGregor and Susan Holme from Face for Business with some of the play equipment they presented to Jill Boardman at Twinkle House last week.

STAFF at a West Lancs call handling company are aiming to make the right connections on behalf of a Skelmersdale-based charity after setting themselves a £5,000 fundraising target for 2016.

Face For Business, based at Martland Mill in Burscough decided last year to raise funds for Twinkle House, a charity which provides a free support service for children and young people who have disabilities and additional needs and their families in West Lancashire.

They raised almost £300 from cake sales, fun runs and a Christmas Jumper Day and recently donated a number of colourful bean bags to the charity.

Face For Business employee, Susan Holme, who suggested the charity, and director Andy MacGregor presented the money to the charity's chief executive, Jill Boardman.

Now, the company has set up a page on online donation site Local Giving, with a target of £5,000 that they wish to reach by the end of the year, to contribute towards the centre's annual running costs.

As well as fundraising and donating, the company has pledged its support further by offering to answer all the charity's calls for free, to help ensure that no donations are missed.

Andy MacGregor said: "Every business misses calls but we want to ensure that Twinkle House provides a great first response and never misses any calls with donations. We will answer the calls they can't get to for free, helping to ensure they don't miss any, which will also ease the pressure on the centre staff."

Jill Boardman added: "These much-needed beautiful bean bags will be used in our children's support sessions. A huge thanks to Andy MacGregor and the team at Face for Business for their tremendous support. All of us at Twinkle House are looking forward to their upcoming fundraising activities."

RACE AGAINST TIME TO FUND NEW TIP APPEAL

Report by **Henry James**

A TOP QC has told members of the Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfil campaign that it's worth taking the case against the proposal to expand the hazardous landfill site to a further hearing on Tuesday, February 16.

Now, though, the group face a race against time to raise £9,500 to pay for legal costs by this Friday (February 12).

David Wolfe QC of Matrix Chambers has recommended that the case against the tip expansion continues and says there are grounds for challenging the lawfulness of the Secretary of State's controversial decision to give it the go-ahead.

The February 16 hearing is the last chance to ask the courts for permission to proceed with a Judicial Review.

If David Wolfe QC wins the argument at the hearing, permission will be given to proceed to a full Judicial Review, which can take up to a year. There is now a new legal team in place who are experienced in environmental work.

Now the campaigners are appealing for donations.

Claire Robinson of Arrow–No Whitemoss Landfill said: "We raised £1,200 for the QC's opinion virtually overnight, such is the strength of local feeling against the tip.

"We now need to raise £9,500 within a week, which is a challenge.

"Over 3,000 residents objected to the proposal to expand Whitemoss landfill and we need everyone to donate to the legal fund if they can at www.arrow.org.uk

"All donations - large and small - are welcome, but £50 or £100 (more for those who can afford it) is a small investment to protect our homes and families from a hazardous waste tip."

Local residents opposing the Whitemoss tip expansion

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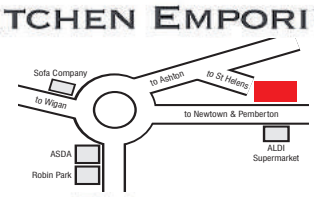

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Fitness project launched to help cancer recovery

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A FITNESS programme which aims to help people in recovery from cancer by encouraging them to become more active has been launched in West Lancashire.

Move More helps people diagnosed with the disease to find effective ways to stay active - no matter where they are on their cancer 'journey' - including those who have since completed treatment.

It is a joint initiative between Macmillan Cancer Support, Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and the NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

As well as sessions being held in Ormskirk Hospital, classes will also be held in Formby and Southport.

Jen Burns, Macmillan project manager for West Lancashire, said: "Being more physically active can help people with cancer cope with and recover from the effects of the disease and its treatment.

"Move More offers individually-tailored activity programmes and sets personal goals which have a lasting impact on wellbeing."

People can work on their fitness individually or in a group setting. Classes take place on Monday and Fridays in the physiotherapy department at Ormskirk Hospital at 1.15pm and 2.45pm.

Move More is run by Melanie Reardon, Macmillan physical activity manager, with Tim Horn, Macmillan physical activity physiotherapist and Ann Prescott, Macmillan physical activity assistant practitioner.

Tim said: "We've had a really good response. By improving fitness people can also improve levels of independence and gain confidence too."

Linda Fairhurst from Ormskirk and Colin Parry from Old Skelmersdale are put through their paces by Macmillan physiotherapist Tim Horn at Ormskirk Hospital

If you live in West Lancashire and are affected by cancer you can find out about more about Move More from Melanie by ringing 01695 656268; by email at soh-tr.odgh-physio@nhs.net; or via your GP.

Move More is also run in Formby/Southport. To find out more about the Sefton group contact Lucy Holmes or Tess Harrison on 0151 934 2352.

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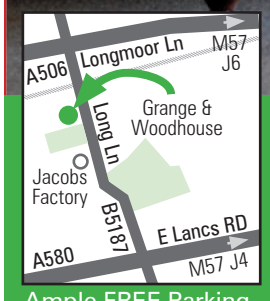

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Men-aces duo win places in Team GB squad for European Championships

Report by **Henry James**

TWO players from the Skem Men-aces disability football team have been selected for the Team GB squad for the National Mencap European Championships.

James Hughes and Theo Duke will join the national team when they take part in the event in Geneva in May.

A total of five players from Skem Men-aces had been invited to the trials and they travelled to the sessions in Knaresborough, Yorkshire on their new bus.

Mim Eaton, coach of the Men-aces, said: "The two hour journey was a mixture of excitement, nervousness and anxiety.

"I said to the lads you are already champions for getting this far, so you have done something right. I told them to just go and play football and what will be, will be."

More than 100 players turned up for the trials competing for just 15 spots.

Mim added: "The lads knew what was expected of them, on and off the pitch. I had no need to give them the respect talk about manners."

Proud

In the first part of the day the players took part in a round robin competition and showed their strengths and weaknesses to the Team GB coaches.

For the second part, the players were split up into different teams.

GB coach Mark Summers announced the chosen players at the end of the day.

Mim commented: "James and Theo totally deserve their places. Everyone at the Men-aces is proud of them.

"I congratulated them all one by one as they all deserved a massive pat on the back.

"Josh Winstanley was brilliant in goal and he certainly impressed the coaches.

"Matthew Coppell, who has represented Team GB before, is a great reader of the game and is able to play in any position and Ash Stoneman wears his heart on his sleeve and puts in 100%.

"James Hughes has a massive engine with quick feet and is able to get back to help teammates out. Theo Duke is a talented player and being chosen for the trials was a massive boost for him."

The Men-aces are now trying to raise the funds for the lads to go on the trip.

Carl Eaton is shown with James Hughes and Theo Duke

School hosts roadshow aimed at raising awareness of hate crime

County's police commissioner opens free event

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw opened a roadshow to raise understanding of hate crime at Hope High School in Skelmersdale at Carfield, Claybrow.

The free event was run by Victims' Voice.

Hate crime is when an individual experiences harm because they are seen as "different."

Those who attended were able to find out about services that can provide people with advice, and support individuals and communities.

The day was supported by Mr Grunshaw who also gave a speech to those that attended.

There was an 'action-packed' afternoon with activities to raise awareness and increase understanding of this emotive issue.

Victims' Voice is an advocacy service to help people affected by hate crime by providing support and operates throughout Lancashire.

It is a partnership between Disability First, which is based in Blackpool, and Smile Mediation, which is based in Burnley.

Niomi Craig, a hate crime caseworker at Victims' Voice said: "Those who came were able to meet like-minded people who want to prevent hate-related incidents and support people who have experienced bullying and victimisation.

"We hope the event raised awareness of hate crime and increased understanding of the problem.

"Attendees learnt more about the impact hate crime has on both communities and individuals, and also saw how to help to tackle hate crime.

"The event was free and provided an interesting, intuitive and eye-opening evening.

"Anyone who would like to learn more about Victims' Voice work around Lancashire should visit the website www.victims-voice.org."

Lancashire`s police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw opens the Victims` Voice Roadshow hosted by Hope High School at Skelmersdale last week.

Drug accused woman acquitted

By our **Court Reporter**

A SKELMERSDALE woman who was tried after being caught with drugs in her purse has been acquitted after she successfully argued that they'd been left there by a friend who had borrowed it.

Nicola Bullen, 34, of Ennerdale, was arrested by police on December 11 over a different matter when she was taken to Skelmersdale Police Station and her property was searched as she was booked in.

In her purse was found a wrap of white powder and she was immediately arrested her for possession of a class A drug. Bullen, however, responded: "It's not cocaine. That's speed." She denied in a subsequent interview that it was hers and tests revealed that the substance was amphetamine, otherwise known as speed.

Philippa White, prosecuting at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on February 2, handed the magistrates a copy of a page from the arresting officer's notebook, where Bullen had signed a statement confirming that she'd said the white powder was 'speed'. Ms White maintained that because Bullen was so quick to identify the drug she must have had knowledge of it, and was therefore guilty of possession.

Represented by solicitor Mike Flynn, Bullen claimed that she'd lent a black handbag containing the purse to a friend, who'd wanted it for a night out, just two days prior to her arrest.

She knew her friend used amphetamine, she said, and immediately upon seeing the wrap in the police station she knew that's what it would be. She had not looked in the purse after it was returned because she knew there wasn't any money in it, she said.

"Is it so unusual, that the individual who borrows the bag leaves something?" Mr Flynn asked, adding: "Can you be sure that the prosecution have proved the case beyond reasonable doubt?"

Finding her not guilty chair of the bench Roger Merry said: "Our assessment of your evidence is that you gave clear evidence. We find that the prosecution has not proved beyond reasonable doubt that you knew that there was a quantity of class B drug in your bag."

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Union calls for Edge Hill to share details of bosses' pay and perks

Ormskirk university named on list of UK's 'least transparent' institutions

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

EDGE Hill University has been named in a list of the UK's 'least transparent' universities on the subject of bosses' pay.

The Ormskirk university was one of 24 institutions which refused to provide details of bosses' pay and perks in response to a Freedom of Information request from the University and College Union (UCU).

According to the UCU university vice-chancellors' pay and perks have long been a source of frustration for staff and government ministers with huge sums of public money allegedly going on healthy salary increases, first-class trips around the globe and other 'bizarre' expenses.

It said greater sanctions were needed to ensure institutions like Edge Hill justified some of the largesse that, it claimed, has embarrassed higher education in recent years.

UCU general secretary, Sally Hunt

And the union's call comes as the government consults on whether or not to exempt universities from Freedom of Information legislation.

The UCU is set to release its latest pay and perks survey tomorrow (Thursday, February 11).

General secretary, Sally Hunt, said: "Freedom of Information legislation is important in holding universities that spend millions of pounds of public money to account. It is not acceptable that institutions like Edge Hill refuse to share this information.

"The full extent of universities' spending on pay and perks for their bosses may make uncomfortable reading for some, but that does not give them the right to escape scrutiny.

"To exempt universities from Freedom of Information legislation at a time of increased costs for students does not make sense.

"We want to see greater sanctions on universities that wriggle out of their responsibilities."

Union stages cuts protest at Concourse

Elaine Brookes (4th from right) West Lancs Unison branch chair with members in Skelmersdale Concourse shopping centre last Saturday.

THE public service union, Unison, ran a leafleting campaign at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale against the government's cuts to local authority funding.

The union staged the event on Saturday (February 6) with officials taking up a position on the first floor in the square, where the Iceland and Superdrug stores are situated.

Elaine Brooks, Unison assistant branch secretary and lead officer for schools, said: "This was a joint effort by Unison branches in the Lancashire area.

"The Lancashire branch, West Lancs borough branch and the police staff branch were all represented on the day and the aim was to speak to members of the public to make them aware of the consequences of central government cuts to local authority funding.

"This, of course, will mean that services provided by Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Borough Council will either be significantly reduced or disappear altogether.

"The proposals could see 40 of 74 libraries cut in Lancashire.

"We encouraged members of the public to write to their local MPs and county and borough councillors to ask what they are doing about fighting the cuts being imposed.

"Conservative government cuts are now so severe that Lancashire County Council will not have enough cash by 2018 to run even legally-required services.

"It's not too late for the government to change course, but to make this happen Lancahire's eight Conservative MPs must withdraw their support for these cuts and vote them down.

"It's time for them to say whether they are loyal to Lancashire services or party policy."

Council seeks tenant recruits to join housing groups

HOUSING staff at West Lancs Council are seeking to recruit new tenant members for the council's Landlord Services Committee and the Tenants Scrutiny Group.

Members of these groups will carry out a variety of activities, from talking to staff and tenants to gather their views, looking at performance information or working with councillors and giving a tenants' viewpoint.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson, the council's portfolio holder for housing, said: "The council is always striving to improve its housing services and invites tenants to get involved to ensure the services we provide are what tenants want.

"We have had some interest from tenants but we still have some vacancies, so please contact us and help the council in its aims to make your homes and communities better."

The Landlord Service Committee (LSC) enables tenants and councillors to discuss housing matters before they are taken to the council cabinet. The group is made up of councillors, staff and tenants working together in partnership. The LSC meets four times a year with meetings lasting about up to three hours.

The Tenants Scrutiny Group (TSG) is made up of tenants. It monitors and scrutinises housing services delivered by the council and examines services in a number of ways such as reviewing information, interviewing staff and researching what other housing providers do.

Councillor Jennifer Patterson

The group also produces reports which influence changes to services.

If you want to check the rent you pay gives you value for money, meet new people and develop your skills, confidence levels and employment opportunities, then get in touch with the council.

To find out how to become a member of the Landlord Services Committee or the Tenants Scrutiny Group contact a member of the tenant involvement team on 01695 585184; email tenantinvolvement@westlancs.gov.uk; or text contact me to 07786 204 730 and a staff member will call you back.

Recruits will be given full training and support in their new role.

For more details go to www.westlancs.gov.uk/getinvolved.

Nursery pupils learn about Chinese New Year

NURSERY pupils at St. Thomas the Martyr primary school in Up Holland have been learning all about the Chinese New Year, culminating in a procession through the school with their very own Chinese dragon.

The three and four-year-olds made Chinese lanterns, tasted Chinese food and even had a go at some Chinese writing.

Each child then helped to make a huge Chinese dragon and had fun singing and dancing in a special procession to Chinese music.

Suzanne Christy, early years leader, commented: "The children have loved learning about a different culture, and had lots of fun dressing up and taking part in the procession."

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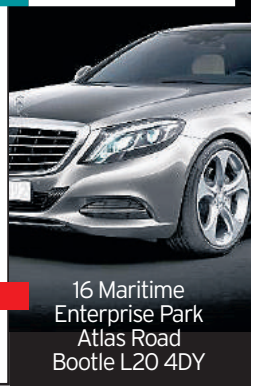

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Benefit check campaign funding boost for pensioners

MORE than 120 West Lancs pensioners have benefitted by in excess of £672,000 in total after taking part in a benefit check.

Lancashire County Council's Welfare Rights Service organised the ongoing campaign in partnership with BT Lancashire Services working on behalf of West Lancs Borough Council, and the Department for Work and Pensions visiting service.

Letters were sent out by the borough council to over-75s receiving either Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support inviting them to have a benefit check completed by Welfare Rights.

More than 500 requests were received and to date 127 of these have been found to be eligible for extra funding. Staff are continuing to work through the remaining cases to see if others are entitled to more support.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "This is great news for some of our older and vulnerable residents in West Lancashire. The people that we have been able to help so far are better off by an average of £90 each week.

County Councillor Azhar Ali

"As well as the hard-working staff of our Welfare Rights Service, I'd also like to thank staff at BT Lancashire Services and the Department for Work and Pensions for their help in making this campaign such a success. They have visited people at home to explain the process to them and helped them to complete their claim.

"The Welfare Rights Service has been running various benefit take-up campaigns very successfully for many years now. I would urge pensioners to get in touch and ask for a free and confidential benefits check - it really could make all the difference."

Councillor Terry Aldridge, West Lancs Council's cabinet member with portfolio for older people, said: "It is important that all people claim the benefits they are entitled to and this was a very good campaign. I am glad that the borough council was able to be part of it and that so many people have benefitted from this good work.

"I would urge pensioners to get in contact with the Welfare Rights Service and have their free confidential benefits check as they could be a lot better off."

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Residents urged to beware of changes to debt management regulations

ROSIE Cooper is urging West Lancs residents who use a debt management company to help manage or repay outstanding debt to be aware of changes to the sector being carried out by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

The FCA, which regulates debt management companies in the UK, is assessing whether firms that offer debt management plans should be authorised to continue to engage in regulated debt management activities.

Firms are being scrutinised carefully, as part of the authorisation process, to ensure that only those that meet the required standards are authorised.

And Ms Cooper is highlighting the changes to the FCA authorisation process and the effect on the sector to ensure any West Lancs residents have access to debt advice to continue to manage their financial situation.

Potentially where a firm is refused authorisation and decides to exit the market or to stop providing debt management services to its customers, some members of the public could lose access to their debt management plan at short notice, leaving payments outstanding to creditors.

The West Lancs MP said: "It is important that residents in the borough who use a debt management company are aware of these changes and take the necessary action if their company stops providing your debt management plan.

"If your debt management company is no longer able to provide your plan, you will be contacted by letter with information from the Money Advice Service on the help available to you, and to make sure you can access free, confidential debt advice about what to do next."

To find out more, visit the Money Advice Service website at www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/debt-management; or call the call Money Advice Service's dedicated confidential debt management helpline on 0300 330 2222. Calls cost no more than to a standard UK-wide number.

MP Rosie Cooper

Artz Centre toasts two years of success

STAFF and students from Skelmersdale's Artz Centre celebrated two years of success with a glitzy, Oscars-style awards night attended by nearly 350 guests.

Sponsored by local businesses, the Karl Vella Group and Enterprise Rent A Car, the event was staged at the DW Stadium in Wigan and Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Nikki Hennessy was among the guests.

It featured a special awards presentation in which local children and students of the Artz Centre received recognition for their achievements throughout another ground-breaking year for the social enterprise.

Youngsters from Skelmersdale's Artz Centre at the awards night

The Artz Centre was launched in January 2014, when the company took over the Birch Green Community Centre in Skelmersdale, and since then it has gone from strength to strength.

It is now home to more than 250 students from Skelmersdale and throughout West Lancashire, offering opportunities in all areas of the arts including drama, music, dance, photography, film and recorded music.

The company were also keen to celebrate their partnership work with other local agencies, schools and businesses with whom they have built a great working relationship.

Management consultant and community business owner, Maureen Fazal, was among those who attended. She told Artz Centre officials: "It was both a pleasure and honour to be present and I just can't emphasise enough, how wonderful it was to see so many talented young people receiving their just recognition.

"They are all a credit to West Lancashire. Yourself and the team have done an amazing job and I look forward to attending your forthcoming events scheduled for this year. Well done to you all."

Artz Centre director, Mark Ashton commented: "It truly was a memorable night and a great indication of how far we have come in the last couple of years.

"The Artz Centre is about opportunity and promoting excellence in our young people. We always aim high and continue to push the boundaries of what is possible.

"I want again to thank the monumental effort and dedication of my team and those that have supported us this year.

"We have recently become an accredited centre, which means we will now be able to offer our students nationally-recognised qualifications for their achievements. 2016 is set to be another amazing year for all involved."

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The council has prepared a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out how it will engage people in the planning process, whether in developing policy, dealing with planning applications, considering works to trees or appraising Conservation Areas.

Keeping to the SCI will be an important consideration when testing how well the council is carrying out its planning function. The new SCI will replace a 2007 document prepared by the council.

The council wants to hear views on the draft document during a public consultation which is currently underway and will run until Friday, March 18.

Councillor John Hodson, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "This council is always interested in hearing the views of the residents of West Lancashire, and of those with an interest in the area. Planning services regularly consult stakeholders, and we want to make sure we continue to engage with people in the most effective way possible.

"The consultation exercise provides residents with a chance to give their views."

For information on how to share your views visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/planningpolicy and click on the link to the Statement of Community Involvement, or call the council on 01695 585068.

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Local companies shortlisted for prestigious county business awards

STAFF and management at two Skelmersdale companies are celebrating after being named as finalists in this year's Red Rose Awards which aim to recognised Lancashire businesses.

The shortlisted companies were announced after a day of rigorous pre-scoring which saw the entries and nominations whittled down to just six finalists in each of 25 categories.

Fairbanks Environmental Ltd., based in Moss Lane View on the Whitemoss Business Park, are in the running in no fewer than three categories - Innovation Award, International Achievement Award and Large Business Award.

And Scott Rees and Co. Solicitors, based in Gardiners Place, Skelmersdale, were shortlisted in the Legal Business Award.

The 150 finalists will now face an interview and presentation stage across a further two judging days at the Red Rose Suite at Blackburn Rovers FC.

Eventual winners will be revealed at a glittering ceremony at Blackpool's Winter Gardens on March 10.

Around 70 judges, made up of sponsors, business leaders and independent experts, assessed hundreds of written entries to determine the finalists.

Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View, promoter of the awards, said: "The entries this year were stronger than ever and many businesses across this great county are recording excellent performances."

"We are excited at the prospect of bringing the county together at the Winter Gardens on March 10 to celebrate the success of Lancashire business, form new relationships and have a fantastic night!"

Dr John Lonsdale, director of innovation and enterprise at UCLan, judging partner the awards, said: "The Red Rose Awards showcase the diverse range of growing, innovate and creative firms that we have here in Lancashire.

"It has been a great honour to be part of the judging process and we faced a very tough task when selecting a shortlist from so many strong candidates.

"We are now looking forward to the awards evening and celebrating all that the county's businesses have to offer."

And Andrea Stamp, director of marketing and business development at Forbes Solicitors, headline sponsors of the awards for the sixth year, added: "Although it's a difficult job, we always enjoy the judging element of the awards and this year has been no different. The quality of the entries is even higher than previous years and we look forward to meeting the finalists on the interview days to hear more about their fantastic businesses."

Legal eagles bid to bloom at Red Rose ceremony

NEWS that they have been shortlisted in the Red Rose Business Awards 2016 has been welcomed by management at Scott Rees and Co. Solicitors.

The announcement is another feather in the cap for staff at the Gardiners Place company in what has been a succesful period for them. And it follows their recognition in September in the highly prestigious Legal 500 national awards.

Scott Rees and Co. marketing partner, Royston Smith, said: "To make the final shortlist for this award is a truly marvellous honour and we are absolutely delighted to be recognised for our work within the profession and with the community over the past 12 months.

"Since 2013 we have had to undertake some of the toughest challenges that there have ever been within the legal profession, following changes to government legislation and in doing so have had to develop the way we work to ensure we can sustain profitability and adapt, when so many other legal firms could not.

Scott Rees and Co. marketing partner, Royston Smith

"In the last 12 months we have started to see all of our hard work finally pay off, with us being recognised in the Legal 500 for the first time in our history last year and now with the Lancashire Business Awards."

The firm, who have been shortlisted for the award alongside five other law firms from around Lancashire, will now move on to the judging days this week (Wednesday and Thursday, February 10 and 11) to be held at Blackburn Rovers Football Club.

There they will be interviewed by the judges before the decision is made with the winners due to be announced at a presentation ceremony at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool on March 10.

Since the awards were launched in 2011, they have steadily grown in stature and are now a centrepiece attraction for the business community in Lancashire. The awards ceremony is expected to be a sell- out.

Royston added: "It really is a fantastic opportunity to promote success within the Lancashire business community and I would encourage any business to enter the awards. We are looking forward to attending the ceremony and meeting with other successful business from around the county."

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Cannabis user's licence revoked - court told

A COURT has heard how the DVLA revoked a Skelmersdale man's driving licence after police reported him for being a regular cannabis user.

Police were conducting a search of the home address of Scott Green, 26, of Windrows, on December 3 last year when he directed officers towards a drawer containing 12.2 grams of cannabis. The drugs were estimated to have a street value of approximately £120 and Green told them they were for his own personal use.

When he appeared at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on February 2, where he pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis, his solicitor Tony Murphy said that he was a regular recreational user and police afterwards notified the driving authorities. "On hearing that he was taking cannabis everyday the police contacted DVLA and his driving licence was revoked," he said.

Saying that Green has been in touch with his GP and was taking steps to prove that he no longer takes cannabis and is fit to drive, which could include submitting a blood test, Mr Murphy said: "He has abstained completely from taking cannabis.

"He has moved his friendships away because if he is even in the same room with people smoking cannabis then he is ingesting it and that will stay in his system."

Mr Green told the magistrates: "I am never going to smoke it again."

The magistrates fined him £130 and ordered that he pay costs of £98.

College students at the exhibition

UP Holland Library played host to an exhibition showcasing a number of projects, and creative displays by West Lancashire College art and design and film and media students.

The week-long exhibition was open for viewing during library hours from Tuesday, January 26 until Tuesday, February 2. Students were able to gain work and enterprise experience by planning and setting up the exhibition to display their 2D and 3D art work, pottery and handmade cards and calendars which were available to buy.

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County council to introduce charge for Blue Badge holders

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From Tuesday, March 1, people and organisations will have to pay £10 when their badge is issued.

The scheme allows people with disabilities affecting their mobility to park closer to their destination, by using disabled bays and areas where parking restrictions may usually be in place. Blue Badges can be used in vehicles where an eligible disabled person is the driver or a passenger.

This move will help the county council cover 58% of the cost of the scheme. Over 27,400 badges were issued between March 2014 and April 2015.

County Councillor Tony Martin

County Councillor Tony Martin, cabinet member for adult and community services, said: “We are facing some tough decisions in light of the county council's current financial situation.

"Unprecedented cuts in government funding, combined with an increasing demand for our services, mean we have to save £65m over the next two years. We issue more Blue Badges than any other council in the country. Although there will be a charge for this service, it is still great value for money as they provide a range of parking concessions for a three-year period.

"The charge was proposed following a review earlier this financial year. We also made improvements to the scheme which have led to a reduction in waiting times, improved processing times and fewer formal complaints."

In addition to the £10 charge, organisations can now also apply for Blue Badges for vehicles that are being used to transport people with disabilities affecting their mobility.

Councillor Martin added: "By making Blue Badges available for community transport vehicles, we want to make it quicker and easier for people with disabilities to get closer to where they need to be."

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Elisabeth Cleary, by email

Why spend billions on foreign aid when charity should begin at home?

HOW sad it was to read in your paper that Mr Coates from Tarleton was having to go to Mexico and pay £35,000 for the new stem cell treatment for his MS because the NHS would not provide the money to pay for the treatment as it is not available on the NHS.

At the same time the International Development Department has been required to give away £415 million in foreign aid to meet a required target.

Why was this money not given to the NHS? This service is chronically short of money. Charity begins at home.

The International Development Dept is given £12 billion to spend on foreign aid. This money seems to be ring-fenced so that it cannot be spent on anything other than foreign aid.

That means that large sums of money needed to support struggling services like the NHS is being given away, while the NHS is left to struggle to the detriment of us all.

Other services are also cut to ribbons while huge amounts of money are frittered away in the form of foreign aid.

This kind of government behaviour needs to be stopped at once and the money saved by giving less in foreign aid. The money could be spent in the UK to improve our services.

Why are we never asked what we want? We are supposed to live in a democracy, not a dictatorship.

Tony Mellor-Ellis, Ormskirk

No more HMOs please!

YET another planning application for student accommodation has been approved, namely on the site of the former Fat Olive restaurant.

This area of Ormskirk has more than enough student housing, so why has this plan been approved?

Finally a message to all would-be landlords for HMOs - leave Ormskirk alone, go and make your money elsewhere.

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PICTURE of the week

A performance of Acrobat Diablo which formed part of the Chinese New Year Extravaganza staged by the Edge Hill University Confucius Institute to celebrate the Year of the Monkey. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Hospital parking charge challenges fell on deaf ears

RE your recent front page story concerning hospital parking charges. This is a matter that I have been contesting for some years now, in fact ever since they were first instituted by the Blair/Brown governments some years ago.

For Rosie Cooper to try and make political capital out of the issue is reprehensible.

You are correct to say that they are a tax on the sick. This is a phrase I first used in 2012 in a letter to the Champion around that time.

The private enforcement company, that monitors the car parks take the proceeds of the PCN notices they issue but these are often unenforceable should anyone wish to contest them.

The most important aspect of this issue is that the hospital trust knowingly and deliberately flouts the Equality Act 2010 by not allowing disabled blue badge holders extra time when parking on hospital premises.

I have raised this with the currently suspended chief executive officer on a number of occasions but he refuses to listen even when presented with case law evidence that he is contravening the law.

Again Ms Cooper's silence has been deafening. I would pose the question if parliament enacts legislation why doesn't it enforce it?

When the trust was applying for Foundation Trust status I was one of the publicly-elected governors so had every opportunity to raise these issues. My challenges fell on deaf ears at the time.

Hopefully someone with more money than me would like to challenge the trust in court for a decision.

Don Patmore, Up Holland

What we want is a fully functioning town

REGARDING Chris Cheetham's letter (Champion, January 13) referring to a previous letter, it is a well-constructed reply with Mr Cheetham itemising all the things West Lancashire are NOT responsible for in Skelmersdale and it's extremely interesting reading.

What amazed me was his revelation that the Concourse is run by a private company, (yes, I did know that) and he went on to inform us that Nye Bevan Pool had been put into the hands of a private company, to run on their behalf. Therefore, he said, West Lancs Council has few teeth and little direct responsibility to accomplish what the earlier letter writer, Mr Carter, wanted doing.

Surely this must be an embarrassment to our councillors, to know they have little or no involvement in what is laughingly known as Skelmersdale town centre.

This must be the death knell for Skelmersdale's proposed new town centre and rail link, when it seems blatantly obvious the council have upped sticks and pulled out of the town.

They are leaving the running of the town's core in the hands of private companies.

The town centre is nothing more than a shopping centre, ecumenical centre, swimming pool, library, and police station, with two additional office blocks to complete the ensemble.

Where is the register ofice or magistrates court that should already be in situ in a town of Skelmersdale's size?

To me, and maybe others, it seems that West Lancs Council have little regard in the running of the town, other than the reaping in of rents and council tax.

I will give them their due and say that they continue to upgrade their council dwellings, but what many want is for the town to take its rightful place in Lancashire as a fully functioning town and to have the resources to administer its own services - once built and up and running, that is.

Bill Clarke, by email

Stop having a go and come up with ways to make things better

MR Cheetham keeps on having a go at me because I would like things to be better in Skelmersdale.

I would like to ask him what did he do to make things better in Skelmersdale when he was a councillor, or even when he was a county councillor?

He should look back at past press stories, it's not private firms that come out and say what is going to happen in Skelmersdale, it's the council. So when the great plans do not happen, who do you hold to account?

Maybe I'm touching a nerve? After all it was only a few years ago when the council hired Wayne Hemmingway to change the Concourse. How much did that cost the people of West Lancs?

He keeps calling this a New Town, if that's the case, why are we run by a borough council and why do we have a Wigan post code and not one of our own?

He should stop having a go at me and come up with ways to make things better here, if he can.

David Carter, Skelmersdale

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More than 100 caught over the limit in Christmas drink-driving campaign

... and another 11 found to be under the influence of drugs

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Police's 2015 Christmas drink-drive campaign saw more than 100 people in the county being caught driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in their system.

A total of 3,065 tests were conducted on motorists throughout December with 118 people (almost four per cent) either over the limit or refusing to provide a specimen.

This was a slight increase percentage-wise on the Christmas 2014 campaign when 5,012 tests were administered with 157 people (three per cent) having failed or refused to provide a specimen.

In Southern Division, which includes West Lancashire, the percentage pass rate of the drink-drive campaign improved from 94.2% in 2014 to 95.5% in 2015.

The December 2015 campaign was the first to include drug-driving tests, with 19 people stopped, 11 of whom were drivers found to be under the influence of drugs.

The annual crackdown on drink-driving saw high-profile enforcement activity take place around the clock across the county.

During the Christmas period, officers followed an intelligence-led approach leading to an increase in alcohol tests showing a positive, failed or refused reading.

While the percentage of drivers tested fell, officers targeted known drink-drive 'hotspots' to catch people driving when under the influence.

Supintendent Jonathan Puttock of Lancashire Police, said: "Drinking or taking drugs when driving is unacceptable at any time of the year and our efforts to catch those responsible will continue.

"This year we have carried out more targeted activity specifically around hotspot areas to catch those under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

"A lot of good work is being done by the police and other partner organisations but the fact that we are still continuing to see a number of failed or positive tests is disappointing and shows that some people still do not understand the real consequences of drink or drug-driving. Just one drink or drug driver on the roads of Lancashire is always one too many.

"As well as the risk of suffering a serious injury or death, there are a number of potentially devastating consequences of drink and drug-driving, from losing your licence and a hefty fine, to losing your livelihood along with your family and friends.

"Catching drink or drug-drivers is a year-long priority for police in Lancashire and we will continue to crack down on drink and drug-driving to help make our roads safer."

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, said: "The figures released this week show that Lancashire Police continues to take strong action to stop drink-driving, especially at Christmas time. The targeted approach means that police resources are focused on problem areas."

And County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for highways and transport, commented: "Driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs is a risk simply not worth taking."

Lancashire police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw

Company gets county council seal of approval at the double

AN Ormskirk-based company has been recognised by the county council for the second year in successsion.

Ormskirk Windows and Joinery Limited of Knowsley Mews have been named as this year's winner of the county's Safe Trader Award, which recognises the business on its regular feedback from customers, with consistently high ratings over the year.

The Safe Trader Scheme aims to help people in Lancashire find traders for property repairs, home improvements and domestic services, such as cleaning and laundry.

Sandra Brookfield from Ormskirk Windows and Joinery Limited, said: "We are thrilled to be named as the winner of the Safe Trader Award for the second time. The scheme helps people in Lancashire to find reputable local business and protects them from rogue traders."

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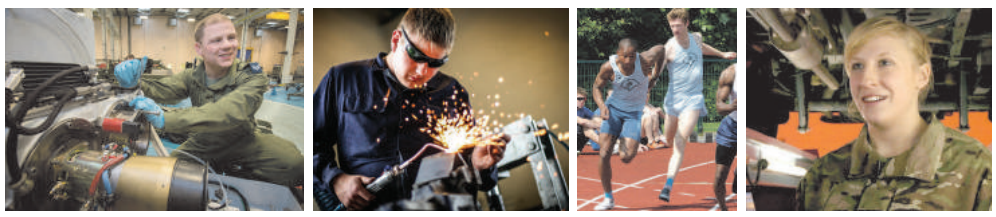

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The chapel at the new crematorium

MP welcomes opening of borough's long-awaited cemetery and crematorium

THE long-awaited new West Lancashire cemetery and crematorium has now officially opened.

The facility on Pippin Street, Burscough, which opened on Monday, February 1, was warmly welcomed by local MP Rosie Cooper who has campaigned for somewhere for West Lancs residents to hold funeral services for their loved ones and pay their respects to the dearly departed, without having to travel to neighbouring boroughs Sefton, St Helens and Wigan.

The 100-seat chapel has been fitted with large bay windows with views over the countryside. There is also a state-of-the-art digital sound system, in addition to a traditional organ, and the chapel can cater for people of all religions and beliefs.

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Rosie Cooper said: "The welcome investment of the Westerleigh Group in opening the cemetery and crematorium will make a real difference to so many families here in West Lancashire.

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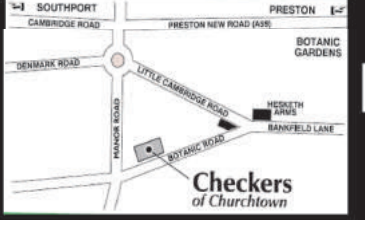

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Report by **Danielle Thompson**

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When charity fundraisers at the Royal Liverpool Hospital decided to make the world's biggest dish of Scouse they put out an appeal for donations.

And management at Prescott Farm Produce in Narrow Lane, Aughton were among those who responded by donating 20 kilograms of chopped onions.

These were added to 35kg of steak, plus 20kg of carrots and 50kg of Maris Piper potatoes donated by Church View Farm in Lydiate, to make up the tasty offering.

Liverpool Community College also donated freshly baked bread loaves and hospital catering firm, ISS cooked 500 portions of steaming Scouse which was served up to staff, outpatients and visitors at the hospital on Monday, February 1.

Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Councillor Tony Concepcion was joined by Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust chief executive, Aidan Kehoe, senior staff from ISS and the R Charity mascot, Roy of the Royal, to dish up the meals from a bubbling pan in the restaurant of the hospital in exchange for a small donation.

Cllr. Concepcion said: "Scouse is a dish very close to the heart of the people of Liverpool, especially in the chilly month of February.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to serve up steaming dishes of Scouse to patients, families and supporters of the R Charity at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital and to fundraise to make the new Royal even better."

Hospital charity fundraisers served up 500 portions of Scouse in their world record attempt

The total donations are currently being totted up.

Community fundraiser, Angela McShane, said: "We were thrilled to sell all 500 portions. Now we just need to collate all the data and send it off to the Guinness World Records and we hope to find out in around six to 10 weeks if our attempt has been successful."

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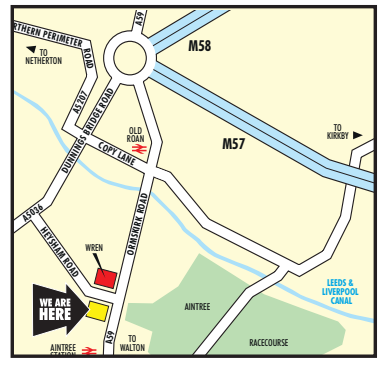

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Avenue Q is co-created by Tony, Grammy and Emmy award-winner Robert Lopez, who also co-created the smash-hit Broadway and West End musical The Book of Mormon. With his wife Kristen Anderson-Lopez, Robert also co-wrote the songs for Disney's recent animated feature Frozen, with his work also seen on television in Scrubs, The Simpsons and South Park.

The cast features Sarah Harlington as Kate Monster/Lucy the Slut, Richard Lowe as Princeton/Rod and Arina II as Christmas Eve.

Returning to the show following last year's tour are Stephen Arden as Nicky/Trekkie Monster, Richard Morse as Brian, Etisyai Philip as Gary Coleman and Jessica Parker as Mrs T/ Bad Idea Bear.

The cast also includes Michael Woolston-Thomas, Douglas Walker and Cleopatra Joseph.

Avenue Q is produced by Sell a Door Theatre Company, who first presented this new production in a six-month tour in 2014.

Richard Lowe as Princeton in Avenue Q. Photo credit by Matt Martin Photography

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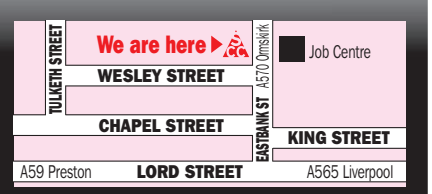

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Queenscourt nurses are now conducting more and more home visits

Hospice's 'At Home' service used by 13,000 patients

AT LEAST 13,000 patients at Queenscourt Hospice have taken advantage of its 'At Home' service, preferring the comfort of their own homes as they see out their final days.

Bosses at the Southport-based charity, that provides support for the people of West Lancashire, as well as Southport and Formby, have completed an evaluation of the service, lauding its benefits to both Queenscourt and the people they care for.

The service was launched in 2009 to help to support patients meet their wish to be cared for and to die at home. As it was a new initiative Queenscourt was keen to see if the service met the needs of the patients and families to whom care was provided.

Edge Hill University's Evidence-based Practice Research Centre have led several elements of evaluation of the service, including the views of health care professionals and bereaved carers. It was vital to capture the voice of the patients themselves and their family carers, whilst they were in receipt of the service, to explore their experiences.

Supported by the Cheshire and Merseyside Palliative and End of Life Care Network, Professors Barbara Jack, Professor Mary O'Brien, Louise Cope and Tracy Mitchell, from Edge Hill, interviewed 41 patients and family carers. All respondents reported the enormous value of the service and commented on the high quality of care.

The support and care that was provided enabled families to continue to care for their loved one and also helped the patient to remain at home.

Professor Jack commented: "The scheme is providing a high-quality service that is valued by health care professionals, patients and family carers. Importantly it has shown the service is suitable for the local population, as there was a large number of elderly patients in the study, as well as people who lived alone.

"Both are recognised as high-risk groups for remaining at home, but with the input of Queenscourt At Home to help fill the gaps in care, they were cared for and died in their home. One family carer referred to the service as being a 'bridge', bringing the care of Queenscourt in to their home."

Dr Karen Grove, medical and education director at Queenscourt, said: "Since 2009 well over 13,000 patients have received this service. More than 80% have managed to stay at home during the final phase of their illness as they wished, despite the fact that a significant number lived alone.

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A very special bond forms between a dog and owner

FOR the past 15 minutes or so, little (and yes, I know, she isn't really little any more but that is still how I think of her) Cinders has been lying by my chair, fast asleep on her back and with all four legs in the air in a most unlady like position.

And while idly scratching her tum, I realised how much I have come to love that greedy dog - though she could never supplant my dog Tina in my heart.

Cinders is as happy as the day is long, no matter what disasters befall her - and she has certainly had her share of those!

Like the night she contrived to fall into the river whilst on holiday on my boat, 'Manxman' moored overnight in a secluded position.

Bad enough since it was pitch dark outside - and idiot Cinders, instead of sticking close by so she could be hauled out, decided instead (eventually) to swim to the opposite bank where there was nothing but brambles and mud.

I won't bore you with details of her eventual rescue - but it was a long, difficult and extremely upsetting event which culminated in a totally unrepentant dog who got over her fright a good deal more quickly than I.

Or the time shortly after Christmas when she got out of the house (yes, OK, I hadn't shut the front door properly) whilst I was out and was eventually retrieved by my wonderful next door neighbour and her daughter who chased the stupid dog around Maghull.

But Cinders has a quality which defies logic. Whatever she has done - from trying to drown herself to pinching a whole packet of butter - you simply cannot remain cross with her for long.

Now I don't quite go along with dog people who reckon their charge is just like a child to them. The relationship is surely different - but no less real (and often worrying) for that.

And certainly, as I found when Cinders disappeared into the river and reappeared filthy and very nearly immobilised with thorn branches and sticky bobs, the adrenalin does indeed kick in and you find you have performed feats which you would never normally consider.

And though I know non-doggy persons simply cannot understand it - and often make mock if told - I also know that a very special bond can exist between a man or woman and a dog.

It's amazing really. Cinders was my late brother George's dog - not much more than a pup when he died. At the time, though he loved her dearly, I several times mildly chastised him for telling her off for what seemed minor misdemeanours.

Having actually had her as my own now for more than two years I can understand his occasional frustration. She's a bit like an exuberant kiddy when she's enjoying herself - the problem being that she just doesn't know when to stop.

She can really be annoying - as she has found to her cost more than once when she has done exactly the same when playing with Tina. Like Popeye of old, Tina gets to the point when: "That's all I can stand, 'cause I can't stands no more!"

But even a grumpy Tina is much the same as I am over Cinders and her sometimes feckless behaviour.

You simply cannot remain cross for long with any animal quite so guileless and, yes, loveable.

So I never regret inheriting Cinders - quite apart from anything else she makes me realise just what a good dog I have in Tina!

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Environment Agency pump teams continue to tackle aftermath of floods in borough

THE Environment Agency is continuing to pump floodwater out of low-lying fields in West Lancashire hit by flooding throughout December and January.

Teams from the EA, which were dispatched to areas across the region after storms Desmond and Eva wreaked havoc, remain out in force pumping away flood water, repairing damaged defences, clearing river blockages, monitoring water levels and sending out flood warnings.

More than 40 additional Environment Agency pumps were dispatched to the North of England in January to ensure that flood water is pumped away as fast as river levels will allow.

Craig Woolhouse, director of incident management at the agency, said: "We will continue to work with local authorities to support communities that are recovering from the devastating impacts of flooding and our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by these terrible floods. Our teams are working around the clock to repair flood defences, protect communities and pump away flood water.

"Communities affected by flooding can find advice on the Environment Agency website, local authorities' websites and on social media using #floodaware." For more information visit gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

Environment Agency pumps in action at Rufford

Community group grant for charity

A WEST Lancashire charity which helps people with learning difficulties to improve their chances of getting into employment has been awarded a £780 grant, courtesy of the Southport-based Community Link Foundation.

The CLF, which aims to support, enhance and strengthen local communities, presented the funding to Timesavers in Burscough.

Timesavers aims to help overcome barriers to the employability of people with learning difficulties by supporting them to gain further skills and experience in all aspects of office work.

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This includes using computers, photocopiers, printers and shredding machines, together with learning filing and how to use office software programs. They also help them to improve their communication skills and confidence in the workplace.

A spokesperson for Timesavers explained: "People with learning disabilities often need extra help, such as allowing them to repeat tasks and letting them to work at their own pace so it makes it easier for them to acquire new skills without feeling under stress.

"In order to achieve this work experience and skills training is given in a supportive environment and in this way we hope to overcome the barriers to learning which people with learning disabilities often encounter.

"Timesavers arrange for qualified sessional workers to collect them from where they live, support the people whilst they are at our office, then return them home after their training/work experience."

And charity trustee, Edward McCarthy said: "The £780 grant from the Community Link Foundation will contribute towards providing materials for the office and transport costs which will be greatly appreciated by our charity."

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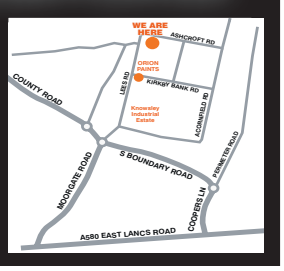

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Optician backs national hearing loss campaign

by Danielle Thompson

AN AUDIOLOGIST in Ormskirk is urging residents of all ages to think about the damage they could be doing to their hearing by listening to loud music.

Lieza Albiston store director at Specsavers Opticians and Hearing Centre is issuing the advice to turn down music as part of the British Tinnitus Association's Awareness Week this week, which runs until Sunday, 14 February.

Many West Lancs residents are putting their hearing at risk every day by listening to music through headphones at too high a volume.

Lieza Albiston said: 'Tinnitus is an extremely common problem and according to the British Tinnitus Association, affects 10 per cent of UK adults.

"As a nation of music lovers, we are spending more and more time listening to our favourite bands through headphones, or going to gigs where the noise level is often overly loud.

"Over-exposure to loud volume can seriously affect our hearing and may result in tinnitus or noise-induced hearing loss. It's important to remember to take regular breaks when listening to loud music, as well as considering turning down the volume.

""Noise levels exceeding 105 decibels can damage your hearing if endured for more than 15 minutes. Many smartphones now have a handy noise indicator which identifies when the volume reaches too high."

West Lancashire Mayor Councillor Nikki Hennessy, with staff, cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Poundworld store at the Hattersley Retail and Trade centre

Mayor helps to open new Poundworld store

THE NEW Poundworld store at the Hattersley Retail and Trade Centre in Ormskirk is now open.

West Lancashire Mayor Councillor Nikki Hennessy cut the ribbon to officially open the discount store on Friday, 5 February – and the store held a face-painting event for children on Saturday, 6 February.

A spokesperson for Poundworld said: "The store was opened with a flourish when the Mayor of West Lancashire cut the ribbon and hordes of savvy shoppers turned out to greet us.

"We'd like to thank all our lovely customers for making the opening so special and all our wonderful staff for their hard work."

The new store joins existing shops including Halfords, Home Bargains and Netto.

Students fundraise for house fire victim

STUDENTS from West Lancashire College are organising a Valentine Spa Day to support Libby Morgan from Maghull, who lost her parents and home in a house fire.

The event is being held on Thursday, February 11 at the Skelmersdale campus.

Tickets are available from The college on 01695 52317.

The event aims to raise vital funds for the Alder Hey Children's Hospital as well as donating a sum directly to Libby.

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Runners at the starting line for the 100th Ormskirk Parkrun

Runners out in force to mark ton-up milestone

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Parkrun is an international organisational which organises free, weekly, 5k timed runs open to all ages and abilities.

In Ormskirk, the run takes place every Saturday at 9am on the fitness trails of Edge Hill University.

On the 100th run, 212 runners of all shapes, sizes and speeds, gathered for a special 'reverse course' over the usual 5k distance. Despite the cold and howling gale, a great time was had by all.

Event co-director Robbie Kiger said: "It was great to celebrate our milestone with so many friends - a joint record turn-out in foul weather is testament to what people get out of Parkrun both physically and socially. A lot of lasting friendships have been made and many people tell us it's made a real difference to their lives

"Many also turn up to volunteer when not running, so that the event is properly and safely organised and tell us they get as much out of supporting others as they do from running themselves."

Conversion proposal for cafe rejected

PLANS to convert the second floor above the Cobble restaurant/café on Church Street, Ormskirk into residential accommodation have been refused by West Lancs Council.

Applicant, Richard Rothwell applied to convert the vacant second level of the premises, formerly known as the Blue Juice and Java café, into shared accommodation for residential purposes, which would have been accessed from a two-storey extension to a rear elevation and an external staircase.

Councillors did grant permission for plans to change the Golden Harvest on Station Road, Hesketh Bank from a retail food outlet and residential property into a doctors' surgery, including an external platform lift, steps to the front of the property and car parking to the rear.

And planning permission was also given for a change of use of land to a campsite and caravan park, to include up to four camping pods and 11 caravan pitches, at The Farm on Martin Lane, Burscough.

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Splashing time in store for kids at Martin Mere

YOUNG visitors to the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Martin Mere over the schools' half-term holiday can enjoy a splashing time and have a chance of winning a prize in a fun competition.

Staff at the Burscough centre are hosting the second annual North West Puddle Jumping Championships from Saturday, February 13 to Sunday, February 21 giving children of all ages the opportunity to get out into the fresh air and have fun jumping in puddles, competing against each other for the biggest splash.

As well as the main competition arenas, there will be practice zones set up to help entrants perfect their splashing techniques before the 2pm start. It's 50p to enter and every entrant will receive a badge for taking part.

Daily winners will be announced at centres throughout the country during the half-term with each receiving a prize.

At the end of the week the regional winners from each WWT centre and the overall UK national winner will be crowned with further prizes on offer, including a weekend away to take part in the World Puddle Jumping Championships at Wicksteed Park amusement park in Northamptonshire in October.

A young visitor hones his splashing technique

Young Farmers to host charity dinner dance

MEMBERS of a rural youth organisation are holding a dinner dance to raise money for two worthy causes.

The event, hosted by the Parbold branch of the Young Farmers' Club, will be held in the Lancastrian Suite of the Park Hotel at Charnock Richard on Saturday, February 27 from 7pm to 1am.

All proceeds from the evening will be divided between national charity, The British Heart Foundation and the Mawdesley-based Legacy Rainbow House, which provides rehabilitation and education for children and young people with neurological conditions such as cerebral palsy, brain injury, stroke, multiple sclerosis and genetic conditions.

Young Farmers' Clubs help members aged from 10 to 26 to develop skills, work with their local communities, travel abroad, compete and enjoy a dynamic social life.

Tickets for the dinner dance are £25 each and include a bucks fizz reception, three-course meal, disco and raffle. They can be ordered from Tom Smith on 07956 094630 or Janie Hodge on 07763 142755.

Carole Cochrane, chief executive at Legacy Rainbow House, said: "We are extremely grateful to the Parbold Young Farmers for their support and for raising funds on our behalf.

"Every penny makes a real positive difference to our work and to the lives of our beneficiaries."

Police commissioner candidate to speak at discussion event

ANDREW Pratt, the Conservative candidate for the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in May, will be guest speaker at a discussion night to be held at Infusions in Orrell Lane, Burscough on Thursday, February 25.

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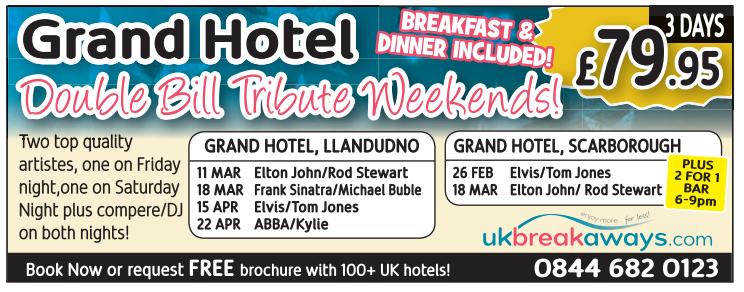
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Chance to get an insight into area's Tudor heritage

THERE will be a chance to delve into the area's history on Tuesday, February 16 when the Lathom Park Trust will host an illustrated talk on the 4th Earl of Derby.

The talk, 'A Tour Through Lathom House in 1594', will be given by Doctor Stephen Lloyd, curator of the Derby Collection at Knowsley Hall, in the Ellerbrook Suite of the Briars Hall Hotel, Lathom, commencing at around 8.15pm following the trust's annual general meeting.

Paul Kenyon, chairman of Lathom Park Trust, said: "Doctor Lloyd will give a power point presentation and talk about the household workings of Henry, the 4th Earl of Derby, who lived at Lathom House but died at his house in New Park, Lathom, in 1593, now the site of Ormskirk Golf course.

"He has come across documents dating from that period which had previously lain undiscovered at Knowsley Hall.

"This is going to be a fantastic event, to think that documents have been preserved from that period is remarkable. It will give us an insight into the workings of an extremely important Tudor House."

All are welcome to attend, entry costs £2.

Tories' tidy-up date

ORMSKIRK Conservatives team are staging a tidy-up morning in the town on Saturday (February 13) in association with West Lancs Council. Members of the public of all ages are invited to meet at the Conservative offices on New Court Way at 10am for the two-hour session. For more information, contact Edward McCarthy on 07971 299606.

Rebecca is new Scouts Youth Commissioner

A STUDENT at Edge Hill University has been named as the new District Youth Commissioner for the Scouts in West Lancashire.

Rebecca Webster, 20, who is studying geography at the Ormskirk university, has been involved in scouting for the last six years, starting as a Young Leader and going on to become an Explorer Scout Leader.

In her new role she aims to use youth forums, feedback and the development of Young Leaders to help young people shape their scouting experience as part of the organisation's Youth-Shaped Scouting national initiative which aims to make young people feel valued and listened to.

She said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as District Youth Commissioner and hope that I can make a real difference towards helping young people make a positive impact on Scouting."

Rebecca Webster

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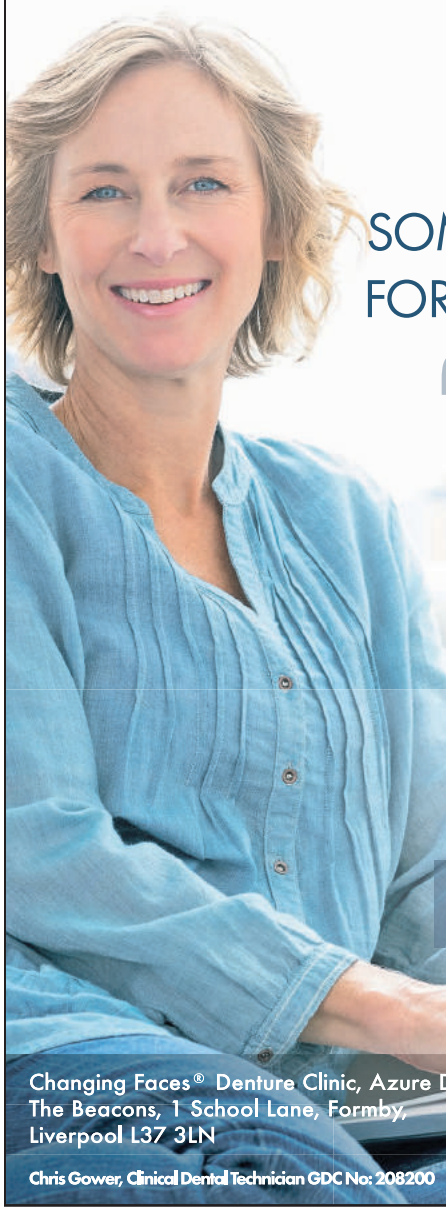

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Borough schools invited to enter Educate Awards

SCHOOL boards across West Lancashire are being urged to enter the fifth annual Educate Awards.

Staff at schools and colleges, parents and pupils can now submit entries to the awards, which are the biggest celebration of education in the North West and reward every aspect of a school's curriculum, teaching and staff.

The awards are free to enter and are open to both government-funded and independent private educational establishments, including primary, secondary, further education providers and special needs schools.

A total of 21 awards are up for grabs and nominations are shortlisted by a panel of judges.

Categories include most inspirational primary and secondary schools, the best eco school project of the year, leadership team of the year and an innovative and creative literacy award.

The full shortlist is released prior to the event, with the lucky winners being announced at an awards ceremony.

This year sees the introduction of two new awards, most inspirational 16-18 education provider and School Support Star of the Year, which will award an individual who consistently goes that 'extra mile' in the school setting.

Kim O'Brien, founder of the awards, said: "So much has changed in education over the last five years but the awards continue to celebrate schools, colleges and staff who are providing outstanding provision and continue to go above and beyond the call of duty."

The awards ceremony will be held at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral on Friday, November 18.

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Youngsters' helping hand for asylum community

MEMBERS of the Guides and Rainbows have been collecting toiletries to donate to the asylum community in the local area.

The youngsters - five to seven-year-olds from the 5th Ormskirk St Anne's Rainbows and Guides, aged 10 to 14 - collected items with the help of their families and friends to donate to Asylum Link Merseyside, a grass-roots charity organisation which offers a compassionate welcome and continuing support to those seeking asylum in Merseyside.

Sue O'Halloran from the St Anne's Church Justice and Peace went along to receive the donations and spoke to the girls about the work carried out by Asylum Link Merseyside.

PICTURED: Members of the 5th Ormskirk Rainbows (above) and Guides (below) with their leaders and their donations

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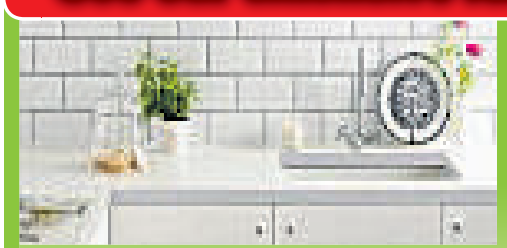

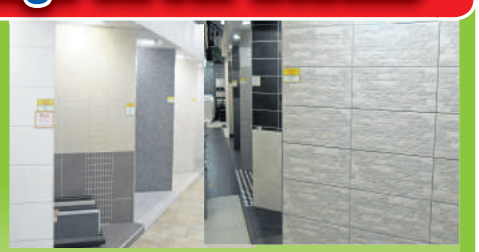

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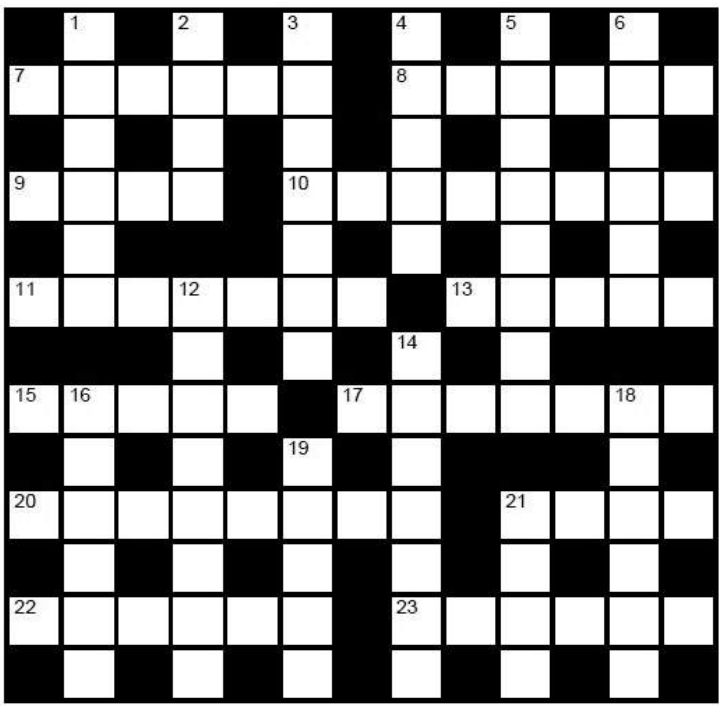

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7 (Of a voice or noise) High pitched, piercing (6)
8 Experience again (6)
9 Rescue (4)
10 Close sociological study of a person or family (8)
11 Directed towards the heavens (7)
13 Time at which a soldier leaves the army (5)
15 Able to move quickly and easily (5)
17 Aspiring to be a specific person or type (5-2)
20 Two-pointed (8)
21 Truncated remnant of a cigarette or pencil (4)
22 Small, hot-tasting pod of a variety of capsicum (6)
23 Showing casual or cheerful indifference (6)

DOWN

1 Hard blow with a flat object (6)
2 Number of players in a baseball team (4)
3 Notice or sign for public display (7)
4 Active and energetic (5)
5 Rotating mechanical device (8)
6 To use or carry to excess (6)
12 Intentionally (8)
14 Name of a city in Spain or Argentina (7)
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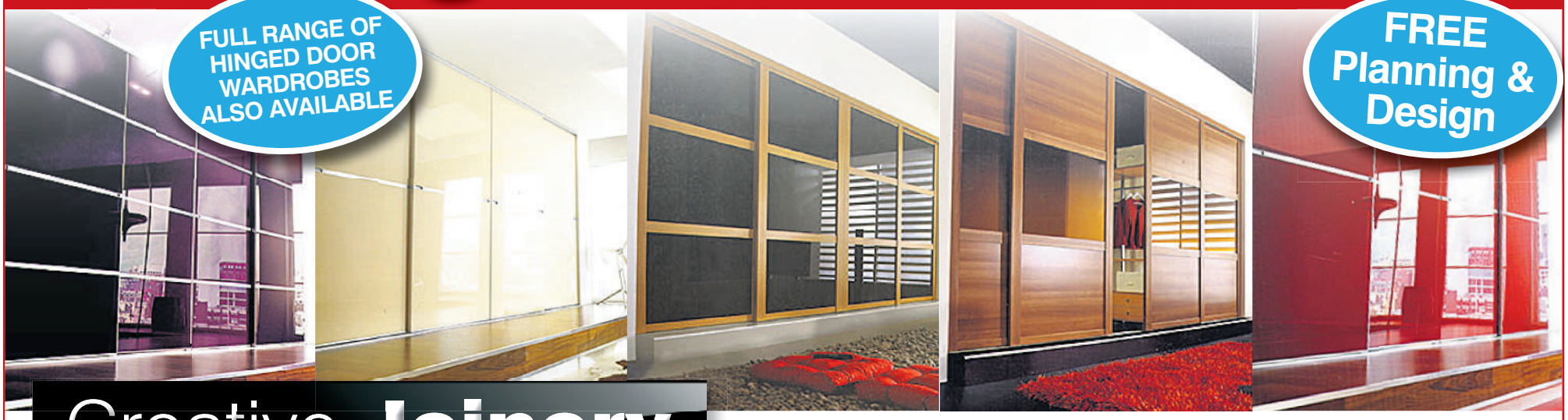

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Touching comedy is next play at Little Theatre

HEROES, which is set in a French military hospital in 1959 where three WW1 veterans plan to escape to a distant poplar lined hill, is coming to Southport's Little Theatre.

In the show, Gustave (David Davies) suffers from crippling agoraphobia; Henri (Jim Longworth), the longest resident, enjoys scouting for girls, despite his gammy leg and Phillipe (Mike Stowell) periodically passes out due to a piece of shrapnel lodged in his brain.

Gustave and Phillipe believe that a stone dog called Hercules, which is part of the garden furniture, has a life of its own.

This is a gentle touching comedy in the style of Last of the Summer Wine with echoes of Waiting for Godot as it follows the adventures of the three men on their quest for freedom.

The play runs from Friday, February 19 to the 27 at 7.45pm each evening. Tickets from the Box Office Tel 01704 530521/530460.

National's Romeo and Juliet is being streamed to Parbold Picture House

THERE is a wide selection of films and plays in the latest programme of events at Parbold Picture House.

There is a chance to see 45 years on Sunday, February 21 at 7pm. It is directed by Andrew Haigh and stars Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay.

It features Kate and Geoff who are planning their 45th wedding anniversary celebration.

The National Theatre streaming of As You Like It will be shown on Thursday, February 25 at 7pm.

Shakespeare's comedy of love and change comes to the National Theatre for the first time in over 30 years, with Rosalie Craig (London Road, Macbethat MIF) as Rosalind.

On Sunday, March 6 Sicario will be shown at 7pm. It is directed by Denis Villeneuve and stars Emily Blunt, Josh Brolin, and Benico Del Toro.

In Mexico 'sicario' means hitman. An idealistic FBI woman agent is enlisted in an elite task-force pursuing the Mexican cartels and is plunged into a world of moral dilemmas.

Lady in a Van will be shown on Sunday, March 20 at 7pm.

It is directed by Nicholas Hytner and stars Maggie Smith, and Alex Jennings as Alan Bennett. It is based on the actual story of the woman who lived in a van in Alan Bennett's London driveway for 15 years. How did it happen and what do you do?

The National Theatre NT Live production of The Royal Court Production: Hangmen by Martin McDonagh can be seen on Thursday, March 3 at 7pm. It stars David Morrissey (The Walking Dead, State of Play), Andy Nyman (Peaky Blinders, Death at a Funeral)and Johnny Flynn (Clouds of Sils Maria).

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Chance to see Romeo and Juliet at Parbold Picture House

On Sunday, April 3 at 7pm Brooklyn is being presented. It is directed by John Crowley and stars: Saoirse Ronan, Jim Broadbent, and Julie Walters. It is based on the novel by Colm Toibin. A woman leaves small town Ireland for Brooklyn, NY, for a future, a life – but home brings a heart-breaking dilemma.

The Martian can be seen on Sunday, April 17 at 7pm. It is directed by Ridley Scott and stars Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Chiwetel Ejiofor.

On Thursday, July 7 there is to be a streaming of the Branagh Theatre Live production of Romeo and Juliet at 7pm.

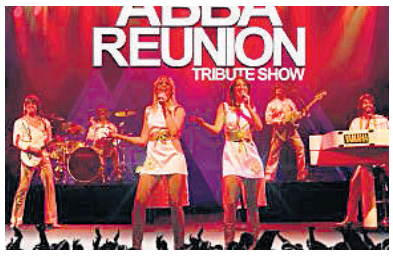
While the Branagh Theatre Live production of The Entertainer by John Osborne will be shown on Thursday, October 27 at 7pm.

Re-live magic of ABBA at venue

DESPITE various rumours over the years, a reunion of the original band members of ABBA has never taken place, but Southport Theatre has the next best thing, on Friday, February 19 at 7.30pm.

The ABBA Reunion Tribute Show is the creation of the award winning West End director, producer and choreographer of ABBA Mania The Musical and stars the original Frida from the London West End cast!

ABBA Reunion gives ABBA fans, old and new, the opportunity once again to get together and re-live the addictive ABBA phenomena that swept the airwaves and discos during the '70s and '80s in a feel good, party style tribute concert.



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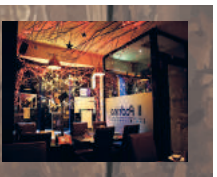

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13th February

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DEATHS

OSBORNE KENNETH BASIL (KEN)

Aged 84 Years

25th March 1931- 2nd February 2016

Beloved Husband of Pat

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Wonderful Grandpa of Alex, Emma, Libby, Sasha, Ben, Lucas, Theo and Emily.

A true gentleman, devoted to his family.

DEATHS

CORRIGAN IAN PAUL

1st February 2016

Suddenly at home, aged 52 years

Much loved son, brother, uncle and partner, will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Requiem Mass will be held at St Mary Queen of Apostles Church on Tuesday 16th February at 11am followed by committal at St Helens Crematorium. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel 01695 559868

GIBSON PAUL HENRY

R.I.P

4th February 2016

Aged 91 years

Much loved Husband of the late Hilda Mary, loving Dad to Chris and Helen, Father-in-law of Lorraine and Mike, dear grandfather to Matthew, James and Alison. Funeral Mass at Holy Family R.C. Church on Thursday 18th February at 2.00pm followed by Committal at Southport Crematorium. Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

NIXON RAYMOND (RAY)

2nd February 2016.

Passed away peacefully in hospital.

Requiem Mass and Interment at St. Anne's R.C. Church Ormskirk on Thursday 11th February at 1.00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for St. Anne's Roof Appeal. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, tele: 01695 424888.

POWELL JOHN

January 23rd 2016

Aged 58 years

Much loved Husband to Janet, loving Dad to Jonathon, Nathan and Naomi. He will be greatly missed by all his family, friends and clients of Masterclass. Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 17th February at 11:20am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Haemophilia Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

MONK MARGARET

31st January 2016

Aged 74 years.

Devoted and caring Mum to Julian, Andrew, Alasdair and Nicki, Ivana and Josie, doting Grandma to Joseph, Josh, Charlie and Alexander Konstantin, much loved Sister of Eileen. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends especially her dog Senka. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 15th February at 12:40pm. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Guide Dogs for The Blind. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

ABRAM HELEN (Nellie)

30th January 2016

Aged 90 years.

Peacefully in hospital. Beloved Wife of the late Edward (Ted), Sister-in-law to Margaret and Auntie to Patricia. Funeral service will take place at Banks Methodist Church on Tuesday 16th February at 1:30pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations are being gratefully received for Banks Methodist Church. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

RIMMER DAVID PRESCOTT

3rd February 2016

Aged 75 years.

Peacefully in Elm House Nursing Home. Much loved Dad to Angie and Helly, Father-in-law to Russ, devoted Grandad Dave to Zak and Sienna. David will be sadly missed by all his extended family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 16th February at 10:40am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

CHANDLER BERYL

30th January 2016

Aged 79 years.

Devoted Wife of Allen, much loved Mum to Duncan, Graham and Fiona. Greatly missed Grandma to all her Grand-children, sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service at Lord Street West United Church on Thursday 11th February at 2.00pm followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Connell Court Methodist Care Home. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086

DEMPSEY CHARLES

30th January 2016

Aged 80 years.

Much loved, Dad and Grandad, greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 15th February at 10:40am. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Dogs Trust. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DICKINSON ED

Sadly passed away at home surrounded by his family on 29th January.

Dearest and loving Husband to June, much loved Father to Andrew, Simon & Jamie, Father-in-law to Sheila, Diane & Emma and Grandad to Jacob, Lewis, Daisy & Emily. He will forever be missed by family & friends. The funeral will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 12:40pm at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors, 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 572997

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JOYNSON EDWIN

Pamela and family would like to say a big thank you to all relatives, friends, neighbours and work colleagues for all the sympathy and support shown to them at this sad time, thank you also for the generous donations received for Queenscourt Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support. Grateful thanks to Father Philip Gregory for the comforting and thoughtful service and sincere thanks to Carl Howard and team at Howard's Funeral Directors for the professional and caring funeral arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MORLEY JOHN GODFREY

John's family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, thoughtful messages and generous donations made in John's memory for British Heart Foundation and Salvation Army. Thank you to the staff and carers at Sutton Grange Care Home for the dedicated nursing and care given to John. Sincere gratitude to the civil celebrant Peter Goulding for his exceptional, personal funeral service and to Carl Howard at Howard's Funeral Directors for his professionalism and consideration shown to the family.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is intended to voluntary wind up the above Society. Any person having a claim against or an interest or membership in the above Socieye is hereby required to send particulars in writing of the claim or interest to the person or persons whose name and address is set out below and to send such particulars on or before the 24th February 2016, after which date the voluntary winding up will commence and all funds held by or on behalf of the Society will be distributed among the persons entitled thereto and having regard to only the claims and interests of which they have had Notice and will not, as respects the funds so distributed, be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have had Notice. Dated this 10th day of February 2016. Steve Davies Solicitors, 57 Liverpool Road North, Burscough, Lancashire L40 OSA. Reference VW.2231.

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROAD, HOLMESWOOD WEST LANCASHIRE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the borough of West Lancashire.

i. B5246 The Gravel for its whole length
ii. B5246 The Marshes Lane for its whole length
iii. B5246 Holmeswood Road for its whole length

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:-

A59 Liverpool Road – A565 Southport New Road and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential carriage way resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours until 1700 hours on Thursday 4th February 2016, to Friday 19th February 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/1696/ARH]

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Notice of Intention to Republish the Register of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors

West Lancashire Borough Council

In accordance with Section 13(3) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, notice is hereby given of the Council's intention to publish a revised Register of Electors.
The revised register will be published on Tuesday 1st March following completion of the Interim Review of Polling District and Polling Places for Derby Ward Polling District DEC.
The revised register may be viewed under supervision at the Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF.
If you have any queries regarding the register or if you wish to check that your name appears on the register, please contact the Council on 01695 585014.
Kim Webber B.Sc., M.Sc.
Electoral Registration Officer

Council Offices
52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF Date: 16 February 2016

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, APPLEY BRIDGE, UPHOLLAND, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

i. B5375 Appley Lane North from its junction with A5209 Hall Lane to its junction with B5375 Skull House Lane;
ii. Appley Lane North from its junction with B5375 Skull House Lane ti its junction with Appley Lane South;
iii. Appley Lane South from its junction with Appley Lane North to its junction with Bank Brow;
iv. Bank Brow from its junction with Appley Lane South to its junction with Roby Mill;
v. Roby Mill from its junction with Bank Brow to its junction with Stoney Brow;
vi. Stoney Brow from its junction with Roby Mill to its junction with College Road;
vii. College Road from its junction with Stoney Brow to its junction with the A577 Grove Road

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the prohibition is as follows;

A577 Grove Road - A577 Parliament Street - A577 School Lane - A577 Orrell Road - B5206 Gathurst Road - B5206 Gathurst Lane - B5206 Broad Lane - B5206 Shevington Lane - A5209 Crow Orchard Road - A5209 Hall Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0800 hours on Monday 29th February 2016 until 1530 hours on Tuesday 22nd March 2016, or until completion of the works within this period.

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/15/1239/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle, from proceeding over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, Lathom, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Hoscar Moss Road level crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: -

Hoscar Moss Road - Wanes Blade Road - Mains Lane, Bispham - B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham - Robin Lane, Wrightington - B5246 Chorley Road, Wrightington - B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold - A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold - A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh - A5209 Course Lane - A5209 Lowry Hill Lane - A5209 Briars Lane - Ring O Bells Lane - Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa.

Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential maintenance works to the level crossing.

The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Monday 15th February 2016 until 0700 hours on Tuesday 16th February 2016, or until completion of the works within this period;

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/0122/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 2 and 22 imposed on planning permission 2014/0369/FUL to vary the approved plans at Land To The Rear Of 24 To 38, Chapel Lane, Banks.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0072/FUL Erection of detached house and garage at Land To The Rear Of 84 And 86, New Street, Halsall.
Application No: 2016/0073/FUL Single storey extension to rear. Re-arrangement of internal elements at 1 Graveyard Cottages, Graveyard Lane, Bickerstaffe.
Application No: 2016/0091/COU Change of use from village hall to a dog day care centre with a small retail element selling training aids, toys, pet food to the client base at Leverhulme Hall, 71 Lord Sefton Way, Great Altcar.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Interim Director Planning — Dated: 10th February 2016 PDNOT884

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(CARR MOSS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding over that length of Carr Moss Lane from a point outside Heather Farm for a distance of 25 metres in either direction, in the borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Carr Moss Lane - Segars Lane - Mill Road - Heathfield Road - Guildford Road - New Cut Lane - Gregory Lane - A5147 Halsall Road - A5147 New Road - Carr Moss Lane and vice versa

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable telecommunications works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative daily from 0930 hours to 1530 hours on Monday 8th February 2016, and Tuesday 9th February 2016 or, until completion of the works within this period.

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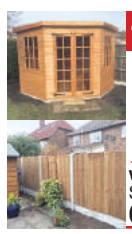

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Why Citroën's new tourer is a breath of fresh air for bigger families

SOMEONE at Citroën is clearly a kindred spirit. They know what it's like to grow up as part of a larger family – and they've come up with a solution.

Growing up with lots of brothers and sisters has all sorts of problems. For starters they eat into the parental funds that should rightfully be reserved for the BMX and games console of your choice, and getting ten minutes in the bathroom in the mornings requires the sort of planning that'd give the scientists at CERN sleepless nights. Growing up in that brief period of history with dial-up internet connections made it even worse; I vividly remember the rows over who got access to the one computer and the looks I'd get when a squawking modem would disconnect my sisters' phone calls.

Land Rover

But worst of all was having to cram into the back of my parents' Land Rover, because that was one of the few vehicles that had the requisite eight seats. Every childhood holiday involved sitting on side-facing benches in the back of a bouncy old 4x4, but at least Land Rovers are vaguely fashionable; just about the only alternative was sourcing a Ford Transit minibus, which would have killed my passion for cars stone dead at the age of nine.

Even today getting more than eight seats in your wagon's tricky. At the last count I found just four on offer; Ford's Tourneo Custom, Mercedes-Benz's Vito Tourer, Volkswagen's Transporter Shuttle and the badge engineered, virtually identical twins that are Renault's Trafic and Vauxhall's Vivaro Combi. The anoraks among you will already spotted what they've got in common. While none are especially nasty to drive, they're all based on vans rather than cars.

Fresh air

Which is why Citroën's new Spacetourer will be a breath of fresh air for over-productive parents and taxi firms specialising in airport runs and picking up groups of plastered partygoers from Liverpool city centre. It's got nine seats so it'll be able to heave each and every one of your offspring about, but rather than being a van with more windows and seats it's basically the same as the Peugeot 308 underneath. So it's 2014's European Car of the Year with an extra four seatbelts.

Which is great. Someone on the other side of the Channel has realised parents who have more than five children might want to drive something other than a Transit van with some seats bolted into the back – and that hopefully will encourage other car makers to offer up rivals to the Spacetourer.

It hits the showrooms later this year – if you are looking for something vaguely interesting to cart your six children to school in it, it's well worth thinking about.

David Simister is features editor of Classic Car Weekly

The Spacetourer will be launched next month

A new, even quicker version of the sporty Audi RS Q3 is revealed

AUDI has unveiled an even quicker version of its sporty RS Q3.
The original version was already one of the fastest small off-roaders on the market.
However, the new RS Q3 Performance model takes the power from 340bhp up to 365bhp and the top speed up to 167mph. The order books for this latest model open next month, with prices starting at £49,170
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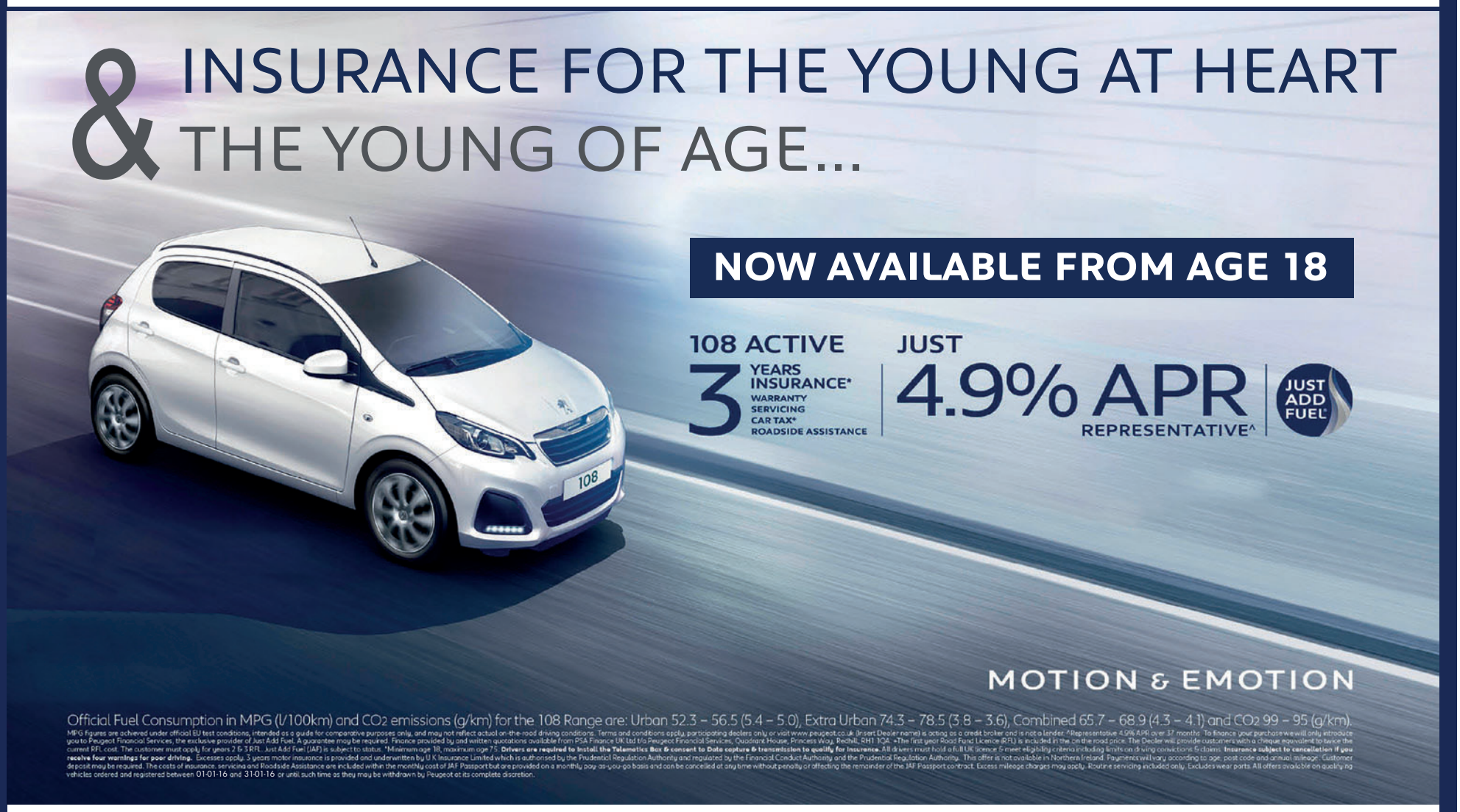

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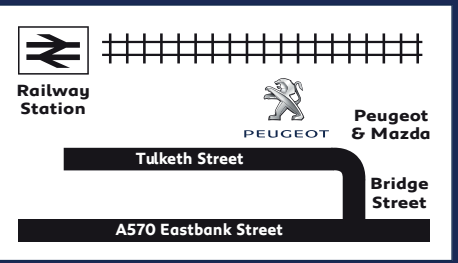

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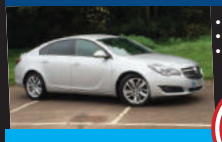

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Kusaloka departs with best wishes from manager

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Skelmersdale United have the chance to lift themselves up the Evo-Stik Premier Division table as they have two home games this week.

On Saturday they welcome Ilkeston to Stormy Corner, then on Tuesday, February 16 Rushall Olympic travel up the M6 to West Lancashire.

Neither game is an easy one but both are games that can be won. Tommy Lawson's side won 3-1 at Ilkeston on the opening day of the season and then in October drew 0-0 in the West Midlands against Rushall.

The two opponents do have contrasting styles. Most of the Ilkeston squad are actually full-time; they are a club with an unusual but highly successful ethos. They develop youngsters from around the midlands in an academy set-up and then add a few experienced players to help the promising players along.

The system works as well, with a whole host of players moving on to Football League clubs over the last couple of years.

Rushall sit ninth in the table, Ilkeston tenth and both have hopes of making the play-offs at the end of the season, so both teams will be desperate to pick up points from their trip to Skelmersdale.

Most of Tommy Lawson's squad that have picked up seven points out of the last 12 are available after injury.

Ged Kinsella is expected to be over his back injury and Paul Woolcott is now free from some of the work commitments that have troubled him.

Phil Mooney is back in training after complications with a hand injury he picked up at Fylde before Christmas have ceased.

There is one player who has had to walk away from the club, Isaac Kusaloka. Isaac was a popular player with the Skelmersdale supporters.

Tommy Lawson has praised him and went on record about the contribution Isaac has made

He said: "Sadly it has become more and more difficult for Isaac to commit to the club.

"He works in Manchester and has to rely on public transport, so Tuesday training had become difficult and Tuesday away games almost impossible.

"One thing you could always say is that he did his best.

"I really would like to thank him for all he has done for the club and state that he is welcome back at any time."

Max Hazeldine buries the first of his two goals in Skelmersdale's victory over Hyde United last week. Picture by John Driscoll. See full match report at bottom of page.

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Last gasp save denies Linnets three points

Burscough 0
Farsley Celtic 0

BURSCOUGH faced a strong challenge on Saturday when Farsley Celtic travelled to Victoria Park, *writes Stan Petherbridge*.

The West Yorkshiremen are undefeated in 11 games, but they went home thanking a tremendous reaction save from goalkeeper Tom Taylor in the dying seconds that kept that record intact and at the same time prevented Burscough from moving up a place into the play-off zone.

Despite the wet conditions both teams played some excellent attacking football that sent the crowd home entertained and agreeing that a goalless draw can still be a thriller.

The match opened up after 22 minutes when Liam Caddick was forced onto a tight angle by a defender and saw his shot beat the far post.

On 24 minutes, Farsley had a go and Aiden Savory's shot was blocked by a defender after Lewis Nightingale set him up.

Bang on the half-hour mark and Michael Monaghan had a great opportunity for the Linnets as a long ball put him one on one with Taylor, but the keeper's outstretched boot saved Farsley.

Twice more Burscough and once more Farsley might have broken the deadlock before the interval. Alex Honeyball's shot fizzing just wide of the visitor's goal and a Monaghan cross got not contact in the box, as did Celtic's Nightingale in a very similar situation for Farsley.

The intense pace didn't really let up after the break and on 51 minutes Caddick had an effort cleared off the line by Paddy Miller after a wonderful flick through by Paul Jewell.

There were two or three bookings from a bad tempered period around the hour mark before Burscough goalkeeper Calvin Hare saved twice, from an Adam Clayton header then a follow up by Savory.

Farsley finished strongly but generally Burscough held them well, before another twist in added time.

Honeyball sent a rasping shot at goal after a corner dropped to his feet, despite surely only seeing it late, Taylor responded sharply with his right hand to keep the scoresheet blank, followed five seconds later by the full-time whistle.

Burscough will travel to Trafford on Saturday, February 13 in the hope of continuing their recent good form.

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Young striker Hazeldine bags a brace inside 50 seconds

Skelmersdale United 2
Hyde United 1

TWO copycat goals from young striker Max Hazeldine in the space of 50 seconds was enough to give United all three points, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

The 18-year-old forward, on loan from Accrington Stanley, was put straight through the middle of the visiting defence twice and both times he left them floundering in his wake, before confidently finding the net on 19 and 20 minutes to leave Hyde chasing a game that was just too much for them.

For the first goal Paul Woolcott split the Hyde defence with a superbly weighted ball, Hazeldine ran on and put the ball low past advancing goalkeeper Sam Vince and into the net.

Seconds later Tony Rendell sent a long ball to Almond he helped it on and Hazeldine rounded Vince before rolling the ball into the empty net.

He almost made it three on 29 minutes. Louis Corrigan found him on the far post with a free-kick, but under pressure from a defender his effort went just over the crossbar.

In the 41st minute Kenny Strickland hit the post with a free-kick, the rebound just evading the on-rushing Almond.

Into the second half and eleven minutes from time Hazeldine almost got himself in on goal again, but Hyde's Andy Pearson proved he is pretty quick himself as he managed to force Hazeldine away from goal.

Hyde pulled a goal back in the 81st minute. Huddersfield Town loanee Ben Holmes lifted a fine cross to the far side of the area and James Burke firmly headed the ball down, its bounce carrying it into the roof of the net.

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